

## Activity: Environmental Compliance and Review

### Activity Summary

	2002 Enacted	2003 Estimate	FY 2004			Change From 2003 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Environmental Compliance and Review	396	400	+2	-1	401	+1
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>+1</b>

### Authorization

16 U.S.C. 460I - 469I-3	The Outdoor Recreation Act
42 U.S.C. 4321 - 4347	National Environmental Policy Act
49 U.S.C. 303	Department of Transportation Act
16 U.S.C. 1271 - 1287	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
16 U.S.C. 460I - 460I-11	Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
16 U.S.C. 3501 - 3510	Coastal Barrier Resources Act
23 U.S.C. 101	Federal Aid Highway Act of 1976
16 U.S.C 1nt et seq.	National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978
16 U.S.C. 1241 - 1251	National Trails System Act

### Activity Overview

The Environmental Compliance and Review activity provides review and comment on environmental impact statements, Federal licensing and permitting applications and other actions which may impact areas of National Park Service jurisdiction and expertise. This activity ensures compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental protection mandates; and provides comments on the effects on environmental quality resulting from proposed legislation, regulations, guidelines, and Executive Orders regarding wild and scenic rivers, national trails, wilderness, resource management plans and activities from other agencies, recreation composites, Federal surplus property transfers, and related projects and undertakings.

### Draft DOI Outcome Goals Applicable to this Activity

#### Resource Protection

##### 1.1 Improve Health of Watersheds, Landscapes, and Marine Resources

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates that secure continued health of watersheds and landscapes.

##### 1.2 Sustain Biological Communities

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates, including management of threatened and endangered species.

##### 1.3 Protect Cultural and Natural Heritage Resources

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates that protect natural heritage resources.

#### Recreation

##### 3.1 Improve Access to Appropriate Recreation Opportunities on DOI Managed or Partnered Lands and Waters

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates while allowing access for recreation as appropriate.

### **3.2 Ensure a Quality Experience and Enjoyment of Natural and Cultural Resources on DOI Managed or Partnered Lands and Waters**

This activity supports this goal by reviewing permits, environmental impact statements and other actions to ensure compliance with environmental protection mandates to enhance the quality of recreation opportunities, ensure responsible use in recreation and to improve assessments for decision making. For example, this office reviews rulemaking and environmental analyses for all NPS units proposing to allow personal watercraft (PWC) use.

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## **FY 2004 Base Program Overview**

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The National Park Service is mandated to exercise stewardship over properties acquired, developed, or preserved through NPS grant programs and to protect other areas, such as wild and scenic rivers, cultural sites, and segments of the National Trails System. Protection is achieved through application of a variety of existing environmental mandates such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing, and permits issued under section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

- With the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, there is a requirement for increasing coordination with FERC in the review of new hydropower licenses in units of the NPS. FERC-related responsibilities in this activity focus primarily on regulatory compliance; mitigation and other resource protection measures are being addressed in the Hydropower Recreation Assistance component of the Natural Programs activity.
- Leadership, guidance and training are provided by the Washington office to regional offices, system support offices, and park managers and personnel responsible for participation in the preparation of environmental documents or other requirements of environmental mandates. Through the Washington Office, the NPS coordinates its review activity with the Departmental Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance. The office provides, evaluates, and implements changes to operations within the NPS so that resources are adequately evaluated both in internal activities and external consultations with other Federal, State and local agencies.
- In carrying out its responsibilities for NEPA compliance, the environmental quality program is responsible for establishing the procedures governing the development of environmental evaluations of proposed NPS actions, including impacts to National Park System resources. In addition, this guidance provides for increased opportunities for public involvement and for participation by state, local and tribal governments in development of NPS NEPA documents when those governments have special expertise in the impacts or issues resulting from an NPS proposal.
- The Service's reply time in preparing required reviews and answering inquiries has been reduced in the last five years. The bureau has implemented improvements in its data management and document control to increase use of technological advances in communications with the field.

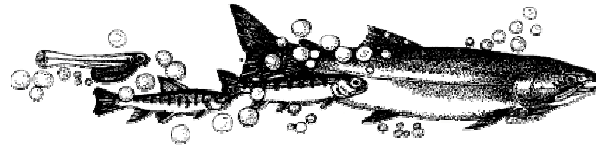
*Workload and performance tables are found after the justification of program changes at the end of this activity.*

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**FY 2002 Program Performance Accomplishments**

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- Personal Watercraft (PWC) Use in NPS Units: Per court settlement with Bluewater Network, environmental analyses were initiated for 15 parks.
- The lake management plan for Lake Mead NRA was completed. Included in this plan is a proposal supporting the continuation of PWC use; final rulemaking is in progress.
- Environmental Analyses and Public Participation: Projects have been initiated to seek public input and complete environmental analyses for a variety of issues, including ecosystem restoration of landscapes and habitat at Bandelier NM; management of mountain lakes fisheries at North Cascades NP; exotic vegetation species management at Everglades NP; and establishment of ecological benchmarks for resource protection at Indiana Dunes NL.
- Servicewide Planning and Impact Analyses Web-based Project Management: Prototype and design has been completed to accomplish tracking and public input on all NPS projects. Integrates funding, planning, compliance, and public comment and response into one Web-based system.



*North Cascades NP: Salmon were an integral part of the lives of the Native Americans who once resided in the Skagit River watershed. The arrival of the salmon was marked with special ceremonies and rituals, which honored the salmon and requested their return in subsequent years.*

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**FY 2003 Program Performance** *(Based on the FY 2003 President's Budget)*

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- Complete rulemaking and environmental analyses of all units proposing to continue PWC use.
- Test and implement Web-based project management system for use servicewide.
- Complete additional guidelines for efficiently conducting environmental analyses for general management plans, federal highway projects, and NPS partnership projects (LWCF).
- Initiate and assist with new projects approved for funding such as sand restoration at Cape Hatteras NS and deer management at Cuyahoga Valley NP.

**Justification of FY 2004 Budget Request for Environmental Compliance and Review**

<b>Request Component</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	400
Programmatic Changes	
• Information Technology Reduction	-1
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-1</b>
Uncontrollable changes	+2
<b>FY 2004 Budget Request</b>	<b>401</b>
Net change	+1

**Information Technology Reduction: -\$0.001 million**

The Department of the Interior is undertaking significant technology reforms to improve the management of IT investments and to realize short- and long-term efficiencies and savings. The reforms include consolidated purchases of hardware and software; consolidation of support functions including help desks, email support and web services; and coordination of training. The Environmental Compliance and Review activity includes a reduction of \$0.001 million to reflect the effect of these management reforms.

**Workload Tables: Environmental Compliance and Review****Environmental Compliance and Review Workload Factors**

<b>Workload Factor</b>	<b>FY 2002 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2003 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2004 Estimate</b>
Environmental documents reviewed*	2,300	2,300	2,300
Transportation-related reviews	350	350	350
License and permit application reviews	370	370	370
Regulation and other land use proposal review comments	1,200	1,200	1,200
Comment letters and other activities	2,100	2,100	2,100
Number of reviews prepared on recreation, historic or archeological resource/license and permit applications	370	370	370
Number of reviews prepared on proposed regulations and other land management/ proposals	1,200	1,200	1,200
Number of transportation related reviews and comments	460	460	460

\* Received from other agencies.